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Mon Mar 2, 2015 6:47 pm on NortheastLA@yahoogroups.com

Posted by: mountainofthelord.mi4is2

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL  
of

highland PARK & Eagle rock  
5711 Monte vista street

los angeles, ca

We Are on Our Way to Shushan - A Purim Extravaganza  
Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 6:00p - 9:30p

6 - 6:30p Meet n'Greet n'Eat - Hamantaschen and Drinks

6:30 - 7:30p Kriat ha-Megillah / Megillah Reading - Hear the Whole Megillah by Cantor Ken Rothstein, Rabbi Arielle Hanien, Rabbi Robin Podolsky, Mark Strunin, Joe Tepperman, and Braja Tarletz. But not just your regular Megillah Reading as the Purim Pranksters put some new twists on a traditional reading of the Whole Megillah. Bring your own groggers or noise makers or not; come in costume or not; drink or not; nosh'n on Hamantashen a must.

7:30 - 8:15p Listen to a Special "Secrets of the Megillah" Performance presented by Jubilation Musical Society.

8:15 - 9:30p (approx) Se'udat Purim / Nosh n Learn: Purim Teaching & Discussion facilitated by Rabbi Arielle Hanien, Rabbi Robin Podolsky and JMS over Nosh and Grog.

Suggested Donation: \$18 (pay what you can) and BYOB  
RSVP and make your donation HERE <http://form.jotform.us/form/50466740076153>

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## 2 4-Mile Hill Challenge 2015

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The Aztlan Athletics Foundation invites friends and family to join us at our 6th Annual 4-Mile Hill Challenge at the beautiful Audubon Center in Debs Park. Challenge yourself to a 4-mile hill with over 650 runners taking the challenge. Be part of this event and treat yourself to a spectacular full 360° view of the San Gabriel Valley & the greater Los Angeles basin.

When? April 4th, 2015 @ 8:30 AM

Where? Audubon Nature Center (map)

Why? Benefiting Audubon Center; fun & challenging course; health expo with sampling from vendors)

How? Register & learn more at [www.4MileHillChallenge.com](http://www.4MileHillChallenge.com) \*

\*Register today using promo code 4MHC5OFF for an extra \$5 off.

More event features: Guaranteed High End Finisher Medals and Performance T-Shirt for all Pre-Registered Runners (same-day registrations only, while supplies last), Awards in each Age Divisions

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### **3 Bulldogs on Barryknoll - your help needed**

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Tony Scudellari from Glassell Park Central

A developer on Barryknoll has literally bulldozed his way through Barryknoll Canyon and is trying to thwart a standard Environmental Impact Report process. We are asking all NelaGreenspace members and neighbors to email representatives listed below and ask them to place a stop work order on this project.

Please email the following people:

CD1  
Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org  
Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org)

Also, please CC the following people:

Greg Shoop in Planning (Greg.Shoop@lacity.org)  
Helene Schpk (hschpk@earthlink.net)  
Molly Taylor (gp.mollytaylor@gmail.com)

Here are the points to include in the email:

We are asking that CD1 PLACE A STOP WORK ORDER on what is going on at 3941 Barryknoll and 3933 Barryknoll.

We want an immediate stop work order as the project was deliberately piece-mealed to avoid doing a full EIR.

The environmentals for this project were never vetted by the community.

We want all proposed projects on Barryknoll to be looked at collectively for their cumulative impact on the community.

The city is ignoring its own downzoning that took place in the 1990's, making these lots RE-11.

The lots in question were re-zoned to a lower density zone (from R1 to RE-11) in the 1990's pursuant to a process that began in the 1970's.

The purpose of the re-zoning was to mitigate the inadequate infrastructure in the hillside areas of the City - the City chose to lower the density on some lots instead of fixing the infrastructure problems. The City has ignored these impacts and this issue on the Barryknoll projects and has instead approved projects at the original higher density. As a result, the project violates CEQA and the City's General Plan.

Thank you all for your help!

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

NELAGreenspace@gmail.com

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#### **4 A child of China's Cultural Revolution now showing her true**

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March 3, 2015

Artist Quan Sun (right) with daughter Lei Shi |Nathan Solis  
By NATHAN SOLIS

HIGHLAND PARK –Artist Quan Sun's favorite color is yellow, but not just any yellow, more like sunshine. She associates it with empress garb and joy. Vibrancy and color were not always part of Sun's artwork, which is now hanging in her daughter's gallery, Boney Puppy Studio, off of York Boulevard. Growing up in China during the Cultural Revolution, Sun was limited in her choices and bold colors were considered rude.

"Very gentle colors are Chinese colors," says Lei Shi, Sun's daughter who is translating her mother's Mandarin.

Early-Morning  
"Early Morning" by Quan Sun

Motioning with her hands, Sun describes Shanghai during The Cultural Revolution around 1966. She

and her classmates at the art academy were shipped out for military training to the countryside. These art students were mainly from the city, in their early twenties, and all of a sudden they were surrounded by farmers and animals.

The students sketched their surroundings, and eventually Sun would become an art editor in the propaganda department of The People's Party. Shi remembers seeing her mother's artwork on the side of buses and her mother made a children's story book starring Vladimir Lenin that was meant just for her.

Sun continued to make her art at home – black ink on rice paper. These works offer a monochromatic look at China, with their simple elegance. Sun married a soldier, Hu Shi, who would later become an influential artist in China. During this time, Sun made a life with her husband and daughter in Beijing.

"Some days I would sketch, small sketch," Sun says, "And then my husband would say, 'Oh, how lovely, can I add to this?' And he would paint over it."

During her 15 years of marriage Sun did not paint and it wasn't until she remarried and moved to the United States that she began to make art again.

Today at 73, Sun is dressed all in black save for a colorful sash around her neck. Her paintings of life in China are abstract like the mixed media piece, Early Morning, which depicts a farmer's life, dotted with a drinking gourd and a donkey. Or there is the black and white image on rice paper, Seeking the Way Home, which Sun says is based on her recent dreams of waiting for the bus in Shanghai as a young girl. Her dreams of China are in black and white.

Traveling in the early 90's to cities like London and New York, Sun was inspired by a number of artists and different mediums. Her work flourished. Emotions began to peek through her paintings. Her art became rich, abstract, weightless, with shifting horizons and, yes, plenty of sunshine. There was demand for her art and the London Contemporary Art made a serigraph print of her work. But soon the commercial patrons were making harsh requests so that her art could complement furniture patterns in showrooms. They asked her to stop using so much yellow.

She stopped making art for those patrons.

Boney Puppy, her daughter's gallery off of York Boulevard, is a small space, fitted with hanging window shutters. They're a fitting decoration for such a shy artist who only allows glimmers of her own personality into her work. Sun says she is still making art every day and that her style is constantly changing. Now Sun is taking a liking to the color blue.

"Playtime" by Quan Sun  
Seeking-the-Way-Home  
"Seeking The Way Home" by Quan Sun  
Still-Life  
Still life by Quan Sun

Nathan Solis is a Highland Park resident who writes about and photographs the L.A. music scene. You can find more of Solis' stories, reviews and photos at Avenue Meander.

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## 5 **Highland Park stabbing victim identified**

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The Eastsider publishes stories from Echo Park and the northeast corner of the City of Los Angeles and neighboring East Los Angeles.

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Preview by Yahoo

March 3, 2015

HIGHLAND PARK — Police are asking the public for help to find the person or persons responsible for the fatal stabbing of 34-year-old Olugbenga Oni, whose body was found in an alley near Figueroa Street and Avenue 60 on Sunday night.

Detective Ubaldo Zesati with the LAPD Northeast Division said the victim was stabbed in the upper torso and was killed in or near the alley. Police don't believe that Oni, a black male who was found lying face-down in the alley at about 9:30 p.m., lived in the area but at this point they don't have much information or a motive.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call the Northeast Division homicide detectives at (323) 344-5731.

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## 6 All Things HERMON. . . (3/02/15)

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\*\*\* Hermon folks are really good about showing up for elections and participating. If you haven't voted in our L.A. City and school district elections yet, please do before polls close tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8 p.m. Hermon's polling place this time at Marshall Villas Community Room (in Monterey Hills) at 4225 Via Arbolada.

\*\*\*As a follow-up to our Public Safety Forum meeting in Hermon . . . first of all, thanks to all of you that came out – and to our 15 volunteer walkers that delivered handout-invites to every home in Hermon. We had more than 120 folks that came to hear from our panel and get some answers to issues having to do with the homeless in and around Hermon in the Arroyo Seco channel/Debs Park area.

Let me begin with giving you some updated and more direct phone numbers for our LAPD Sr. Lead Officer (SLO) and the sergeant over all Hollenbeck SLO's:

SLO Austin Fernald's City cell: 213.924.5538 (his phone message says he's SLO for Lincoln Heights, it just hasn't been updated); e-mail: 23614@lapd.lacity.org

Sgt. Guillermo Galvan's City cell: 213.793.0747; e-mail: 25093@lapd.lacity.org

There are 3 other people you should have contact info for in our REPORT, REPORT, REPORT process:

Sr. Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres (our relentless leader in getting this last clean-up accomplished) 323.644.6281; e-mail: albert.torres@lacity.org -- leave him a report of anything suspicious going on in or around Debs Park and I promise you he will check it out (but call 911 if it's an emergency). He's the real deal "git-r-done" guy.

Please also add our new Field Deputy from Councilmember Jose Huizar's office, Genny Guerrero, to your contact information. Hermon is based out of the CD14 El Sereno area office and you can reach Genny there at 323.226.1646; e-mail: genny.guerrero@lacity.org – and that office is at 4927 Huntington Drive North, Suite 100, El Sereno 90032. Genny is where our reporting of new or just-discovered encampments begins.

Lastly, Deputy City Attorney Cynthia Gonzalez with the CA's Neighborhood Prosecutor Program/Hollenbeck Division has been a big help with concerns regarding the homeless and other quality of life issues. She can be reached at 213.978.2231; e-mail: cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org

We have seen how long it can take to get encampments cleared once they begin. This is in large part due to lawsuits and court orders that now have the City, as well as other governmental agencies following a growing list of steps before cleaning up. Thanks to "TheEastsiderLA," here's a summary of the City process (as provided by Council District 13):

- The encampment is reported to Bureau of Street Services (BSS) by a constituent or the council office.
- BSS assigns an investigator to the site; the investigator does a visual inspection.
- The council office/BSS alerts L.A. Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).
- LAHSA conducts outreach and offers services to the individual.
- The property owner receives a 72-hour "notification of cleanup" to ensure they have enough time to collect their belongings.
- BSS works with the Dept. of Sanitation to schedule a cleanup of the waste in the area. Cleaning an encampment requires specialized training, which may require a certified watershed protection worker.

Here's the most important and empowering part of that whole list – WE can start that process.

That's why you'll want to keep CD14's Genny Guerrero's contact info handy – she'll get the ball rolling with BSS and LAHSA. If you see an encampment, I recommend that you get the closest directions (and a picture, if that doesn't put you in harm's way) and any other helpful info and report that by e-mail to Genny and the following emails from above:

To: genny.guerrero@lacity.org  
cc: 23614@lapd.lacity.org, 25093@lapd.lacity.org, albert.torres@lacity.org, cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org

I'd then suggest following up with SLO Fernald or Ranger Torres separately. This is how we can do what we do so well in Hermon . . . be vigilant, proactive – and REPORT. We can't assume anyone else has called it in for us.

\*\*\* If you live in Hermon and you're not on Hermon Nextdoor ([hermon.nextdoor.com](http://hermon.nextdoor.com)) you might want to sign up. It was what neighbors used most recently to communicate with each other details of a roving "poop-mobile" around Hermon (an RV leaking out raw sewage on public streets). Another neighbor on Hermon Nextdoor recognized it from the description parked up in Monterey Hills, called it in, and it was impounded. Done!

Yet another neighbor had read there the description of a woman and her suspicious activity, so when the neighbor here had an odd encounter with a similar-looking woman and reported it, a Hollenbeck police detective later called to let her know that her report with the woman's license plate and truck description was instrumental in their closing in on their case.

[Now just a little only-in-Hermon aside. This same Hermon "crimebuster" who grew up here, once performed in a theatrical performance with actress Diane Keaton. Well okay, it was a theatrical performance in the sense that they were both performing ("theatrically" I'm sure, knowing our crimebuster) in the children's Christmas Pageant at Hermon Free Methodist Church, and Diane Keaton was then still little-girl "Diane Hall" from Redfield Avenue in Hermon – the house I've learned that had the cool tetherball pole in the yard. And, she was just one of the kids in a ponytail at Bushnell Way Elementary School.]

So back to Nextdoor – the point is it's another way to connect and protect (and find free oranges or a 24-foot cactus or a lost puppy or found dog). You can sign-up for a Hermon-only feed or choose to include surrounding communities. My one observation is that Nextdoor can be misleading in that you might read about how there were a number of break-ins on someone's street and assume they're posting from Hermon, when in fact they could live in another community with their own crime trends. My suggestion is to always look at which community the writer is from when you consider their post.

\*\*\* This Saturday is our monthly Hermon "Clean Team" – 8– 9:30 a.m. We meet by Monterey Donuts in the Monterey Plaza. After eating the best donuts in L.A. we head out to pick up trash from parkways and sidewalks, bridges and public spaces. Please come join us – we'll make Hermon shine!

It's all good . . . in Hermon,

where quirky works,  
families return,  
and dogs sleep all night long.

Wendi

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## **7 Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance Draft MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEM**

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Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance  
Draft MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
January 26, 2015, Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center

<http://www.mountwashingtontalliance.com/> <http://www.mountwashingtonalliance.com/>

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Board President Daniel Marlos called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. First order of business was approval of the minutes of the November 2014 General Membership meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Nicole Thomas told those in attendance about a program called "Snacks for Comfort". This grew out of another program called "Toys for Comfort", which was started by LAPD Officers working out of the Northeast Station. The latter program involves community members donating toys to the station.

Children who have to spend extended periods of time at the station (for example, when parents are taken into custody) are given the toys to play with. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable snacks for children in this situation can drop them off at Mount Washington Elementary School.

Because Patti Yamaguchi was unable to attend, Daniel gave the Treasurer's Report. He then announced that the National Preservation Trust has designated the Southwest Museum a National Treasure, recognizing the facility's architectural and historical significance and declaring the property worthy of special efforts to ensure that it won't be undermined by physical or financial neglect. According to a Los Angeles Times article published on January 22, the Trust will "gather ideas and build a consensus about how the site should be used. It will do an economic study to determine which options would be financially viable, then lay groundwork for raising the money needed to ensure the Southwest's future."

Next, Daniel spoke about changes in meeting schedules for both Board and General Membership meetings that have been discussed at recent Board meetings. The plan is to reduce the number of General Membership meetings from the current six to four per year. The number of Board meetings would be reduced from twelve to eight per year, occurring during the months when there is no General Membership meeting. The Board will continue to produce the newsletter six times per year. Most members who expressed an opinion were against this change; however, Daniel stated that the Board intended to initiate this schedule for 2015, noting that it could be changed at any time since no bylaws changes were involved.

Conrado Terrazas, District Director for Council District 1, presented Certificates of Appreciation to departing President Daniel Marlos and departing Board members Sean Gilleran and Steve Rank. LAFD Battalion Chief Andy Wordin introduced himself and spoke on several subjects. He informed those in attendance that the Department gives away free smoke detectors, and arrangements can be made for free installation in homes for anyone who needs such assistance. He encouraged everyone to dispose of their Christmas trees by placing them in the bin outside Station 44 on Cypress. Finally, he urged members to participate in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Next, Conrado Terrazas swore in the new and returning 2015 Board members, and the meeting was turned over to Clare Marter Kenyon, the new President. Mr. Terrazas reported on some issues currently being studied or addressed by the Council office, among them the ongoing debate regarding installation of bicycle lanes on North Figueroa, recent improvements in response time for bulky item pickups, and the upcoming count of the City's homeless population. He took questions from the floor on subjects ranging from illegal billboards to zoning exemptions.

Fernando Delgado, Field Representative for LAUSD District 5, described a dual language program soon to be operational at Franklin High. He stated he is also working on obtaining new furniture for Mount Washington Elementary and other nearby schools.

Tony Scudellari addressed the group to seek support in protecting Walnut Canyon in Glassell Park from a proposed development project. He distributed flyers and told members they can keep up with news on the project by subscribing to action alerts at [nelagreenspace@gmail.com](mailto:nelagreenspace@gmail.com).

A representative of an organization called Save Angeles Forest for Everyone (SAFE), spoke about a proposal to route high speed rail (the "bullet train") through Angeles National Forest. SAFE and the Hillside Federation are opposing this option.

As stated at the meeting and posted on their website ([dontrailroad.us](http://dontrailroad.us)) SAFE's position is that all Forest/East Corridor alternatives should be eliminated from further consideration and the San Fernando Road corridor and SR14/5 alternatives must be significantly improved or be removed from further consideration. If these conditions are not met, efforts to extend high speed rail from Palmdale to Burbank via the densely populated northeast San Fernando Valley should be abandoned with the funds

utilized for other locally serving transportation and quality of life improvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

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